

# **Minority Health Advisory Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**International Institute "C 645 Elmwood Ave, Providence, RI 02907**

**April 27, 2009**

### **Call meeting to Order**

**Aleatha Dickerson, MHPC Co-Chair**

### **Welcome from Host Agency**

**Baha Sadr, MHPC Coordinator**

### **Attendees**

**Members Present: Aleatha Dickerson, Yvette Mendez, Helena Friedmann, Julie**

**Rawlings, Dannie Ritchie, Deborah Perry, Mary Falvey, Norma Hardy, Debbie Correia**

**Morales**

**Members Excused Absent:**

**Members Unexcused Absent: Vinnie Velazquez, , Maria Barros, Maria Sansiveri, Betty Bernal. Janet Anderson**

### **Review of Minutes**

**¡õ Minutes approved**

### **Title 5 Data and Survey**

**¡õ Mia Patriarca-O'Flaherty of the Department of Health gave a**

**presentation about the Maternal and Child Health Data. Preterm Birth rates by selected races, obesity among children in the WIC program, and families served by the PPEP were among some one the data discussed. Questions were asked about mapping the data as well as correlations between data and prenatal care.**

**ï Following the data discussion, the Title V survey was discussed as framed around Title V priorities. It can be sent as a hard copy or electronically. Rather than being a one time analysis of the survey, it will be an on going input process that goes on year round. The feedback of the survey will help decide where to use the Title V dollars. It is used for block projects and seed money for programs.**

**ï The top three focus areas were discussed as:**

**ï Address social, emotional and behavioral health needs of the MCH population.**

**ï Assure all Rhode Island families have a medical home.**

**ï Preventative care**

**ï All are asked to complete the survey. If you need a copy or the link to the online survey, contact Mia at 401-222-5984 or email [mia.patriarca@health.ri.gov](mailto:mia.patriarca@health.ri.gov).**

**Federal Stimulus Package discussion**

**Tabled \_\_\_\_\_**

**Emergency Preparedness Update**

• The emergency preparedness update was given by Rilwan Feyisitan. Topics that were brought up consisted of the definition of the special needs populations and priorities when working with that population. A special needs registry is also in place where they can register or be registered with their information and type of equipment necessary in case of an emergency. There will be trainings in place for providers in October - November to help with cultural competency and respect during an emergency.

• Meetings discussing events and trainings are held every third Friday for those who would like to attend. Please contact Rilwan for further information.

### **Legislative Committee updates**

• Updates were given by Debbie Correia Morales. Discussion was had over the bill hearing of the creation of a new office of Home and Equity.

• Comments were brought up about the new office causing duplicated services with other currently established offices.

• More time was needed to review the bill. Rilwan will send out information on the bill as well as Debbie's summary.

### **Minority Health Advisory Business**

#### **• OMH State Updates**

\*April 30, 2009 there is a CHW Forum scheduled to be held at the

**RICC from 9-3.**

**\*OMH is revising the 2009 Fact Sheet**

**\*Rilwan is now the Chief of the OMH.**

**\*Currently positions are available in areas such as Healthy People 2010 and CLAS coordinator and in the field of rural health. They are contract positions that have been posted on craigslist.**

**ï State Partner Updates**

**No State partner updates provided**

**ï Community Updates**

**No updates were provided**

**Business**

**ï Updates/Key issues raised on March 23,2009 were discussed**

**o List of alternates are needed to be provided to HEALTH to Rilwan**

**o Members are asked to sign in as individuals rather than members of other organizations**

**ï Debbie Correia Morales made a motion that formal recommendations be sent out to the HEALTH Director after each meeting. Emma Simmons seconded. None opposed**

**ï Emma Simmons made a motion that host MHPC provide a brief welcome and one page report out. Maria Barros seconded. None opposed.**

**ï Deborah Perry made a motion to accept the changes in the**

**governing policy. Emma seconded. None opposed.**

### **Open Comments / Discussion**

**• Recommendations for a conference call about the Bill for the creation of an office of Home and Equity.**

### **Adjournment**

**Adjourned the meeting at: 11:00am**